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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, and prior to examination and mailing of an Official Action in this patent application, which is filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the title, page 1, paragraph 1, replace the title with, --PAD FOR USE WITH CONTINENT OSTOMY PORT--.

After the title, insert the following heading and paragraph:

--Related Applications:

This application is a Continuation-In-Part application which claims the benefit of pending now US Patent No. 10,350,255, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/420,643, filed on October 19, 1999, which is a Divisional of and which claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/030,685, filed February